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It is said that "Four things support the world: the learning of the wise, the justice of the great, the prayers of the good, and the valor of the brave". On Monday, May 27th, our nation will celebrate Memorial Day. We here at the Lake County Sheriff's Office salute all of our soldiers, both living and dead, and thank them for their service, and for the freedoms we all enjoy today. We encourage every citizen to reflect on the great sacrifice of the men and women of our military, and thank each and every one of them for insuring our freedom and security.

Since 1868 we have celebrated Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, to honor those who have died fighting for our freedom. President Abraham Lincoln put it best at Gettysburg when he said "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to the cause for which they gave their full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth"

As Memorial Day approaches and you prepare for family gatherings, begin to prepare now how you can best remember the service of the men and women of the armed services. It is far too easy for us to just hang a flag or spend a moment in silence, and then casually move on with the rest of our lives, without truly understanding, fully appreciating, and truly being thankful for the sacrifice of our soldiers. They have given their limbs, their families, their livelihoods and their very lives to insure the freedoms we have today. We must never forget them or their sacrifice, and make every effort to thank them each day for their service.

To all of them we say thank you!

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